

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A bag splitting apparatus for use in splitting open bags containing solid waste having a rotatable flail structure with a plurality of flexible flails attached to a rotatable mounting, the flails being formed from a material having a Young's modulus of less than  $50\text{GN/m}^2$ ; and a waste feed guide structure capable of receiving bagged solid waste and directing it towards the rotatable flail structure when the apparatus is in use.